

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 3, without prejudice.

Kindly amend claims 1 and 14 as follows.

A<sup>1</sup>

1(Amended). A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to a nucleic acid molecule encoding PTP1B SEQ ID NO: 243, wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with and inhibits the expression of PTP1B.

A<sup>2</sup>

14(Amended). A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length which specifically hybridizes with at least an 8-nucleobase portion of an active site on a nucleic acid molecule encoding PTP1B SEQ ID NO: 243.